



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

www.castlestreet.org.uk

Sunday 14th December 2014

Welcome to worship with us – whether this is the first time you have entered our church, or if you are a long-standing member of our congregation. We seek to offer friendship and opportunities for learning more of God's will in this place and in this generation.

Refreshments are served in the hall following most Sunday services – please do stay for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.

Sun 14th Dec 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Geoff Dumbreck & Rev. Tom Ambrose

**18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION**
Rev. Alison Walker

We pray... for the plight of refugees

Wed 17th Dec 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 18th Dec 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 Thursday Table Talk: Christmas party

**Sun 21st Dec 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP:
CAROL SERVICE**
Rev. Alison Walker

**18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP:
CASTLE END MISSION CAROL SERVICE**
(see also overleaf)

Please take a copy of Castle View for fuller details of what's on each month.

Bible readings for both of today's services

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 (*page 633*)

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 (*page 195*)

John 1: 6-8, & 19-28 (*page 87*)



Next Sunday's services

Next Sunday morning's service, at 10.45am, will be a family Carol Service incorporating a nativity play involving people of all ages.

In the evening at 6.30pm it will be the Carol Service at Castle End Mission. This service will also be the last of our United Evening Services there – although we hope that those who worship with us on Sunday evenings will continue to do so.

We hope that as many as possible will support both services next Sunday.



A baby for Christmas

Congratulations to our current student placement, Alec Corio (and his wife) on the safe arrival last weekend of their first son, Nathaniel Jacob.



Christmas Tree Festival at Orwell

Orwell Methodist Church's Christmas Tree Festival continues this afternoon. It is open from 2pm until 6pm, and there will be carol singing round the fire at 4pm. All are welcome.



Wednesday Afternoon Advent Concerts at Histon

The second of Histon Methodist Church's two free hour-long concerts takes place this Wednesday afternoon (17th December), starting at 2.30pm and featuring Matthew McCombie on keyboard and organ. There will be a retiring collection for the Church Development Fund.



Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project – urgent appeal for help

We still need volunteers to help on Wednesday evenings and nights from January. Anyone who is able to help is asked to contact Revd. Alison Walker. For more information, see *Castle View* or speak to Alison.

Romsey Mill “Twelve Days of Christmas” appeal

Romsey Mill is asking for help to raise £12,000 to work with local young people facing challenges in their lives – at home, at school and in the community. There is a growing call for the services of Romsey Mill, and this money will help it to meet this need in 2015.

Any donation, large or small, *will* make a difference. There are several ways in which donations can be made:

- visit www.romseymill.org;
- visit justgiving.com/Romsey-Mill-12-Days-of-Christmas-2014;
- text MILL12£5 or MILL12£10 to 70070 to donate £5 or £10 respectively;
- send a cheque (payable to Romsey Mill) to Romsey Mill, Hemingford Road, Cambridge, CB1 3BZ.



One Sound concert – Saturday 3rd January at 7.30pm

One Sound is the UK’s leading Christian Youth choir and ensemble, with a current membership coming from everywhere from Durham to Southampton. The group is made up of young people (aged 16-26) who are passionate about music and passionate about Christ. It grew from the former MAYC Orchestra and Singers. See www.onesound.org.uk.

As an independent and ecumenical group, One Sound exists to develop young musicians’ talents, sharing these talents in communities and with churches, and supporting these musicians on their journey of faith. Performing around the country three or four times each year, One Sound are excited to be visiting Cambridge on 3rd January and hope that you will be able to join them to celebrate the end of the festive season.

Tickets for the concert, at Wesley Methodist Church and starting at 7.30pm, cost £10 for adults and £7.50 for under 16s, but, because this extravaganza of festive music is suitable for all the family, family tickets are also available at £30 for two adults with two children. This could be the perfect opt-out from yet another game of Pictionary or Charades!

Tickets can be obtained from Ron Seaton at Castle Street, the Wesley Church Centre Manager, or on-line at www.picatic.com/onesoundwesley (bring a printout of your confirmation on the night); they can also be obtained on the door (cash only). Don’t miss out!

Storytelling course, led by John Hardwick

After last year's very successful communications course, John Hardwick will be leading a brand new Storytelling Course. Suitable for absolute beginners or for those who want to take their skills to the next level, John will introduce us to a variety of techniques which will enable us to bring the Bible and our faith to life for children and young people (and adults!).

Once again it's being held at Castle Street, but on Thursday evenings from 7.45pm until 9.30pm. There are three sessions, on Thursdays 15th, 22nd and 29th January 2015.

There is no charge for places, but they need to be reserved by contacting Revd. Simon Oliver (tel. 07554 20 29 29 or e-mail simon.oliver@cantab.net) by Thursday 8th January. It's being funded by the circuit, but any donations will be appreciated!



"Sing Amidst the Winter's Snow"

St. Augustine's Chamber Choir and Cambridge Brass, directed by Philip Mead, present works by Palestrina, Victoria, Gibbons, Gabrieli, Mead and Paley-Menzies in a seasonal concert at Michaelhouse, Trinity Street, next Saturday (20th December) at 1pm.



Next Sunday's notice sheet

Next week's notice sheet will be the last of 2014, and will cover the fortnight up to 4th January 2015 – there will be no printed notices on 28th December. It will, however, contain details of services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Morning Worship on Sunday 28th December will be united with the rest of Church at Castle, and will take place at St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road, at the earlier time of 10.30am. There will be no evening service that day.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday's notice sheet (to cover two weeks), ideally by Friday evening.

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